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PULSE OUTPUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning field visits to improve the interventions under its programmes for boosting pulses` output;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Primarily states are responsible for promotion of interventions under any crop development programme including that of Pulses at field level. Regular Field visits by Block, District & State level Agriculture Officers is an integral part of their duty to extend technologies and related knowledge to the farmers under various pulses development programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Accelerated Pulses Programme etc. States also conduct special campaigns at state/district/block levels before the Kharif and Rabi crop seasons for making available the recommended improved technologies/inputs to the farmers in time for their farming operations.
The monitoring efforts of the State Governments are being supplemented by dedicated Project Management Teams at State/District/Government of India level and National Level Monitoring Team (NLMTs) created under NFSM. Mobility charges for covering the travel related expenses are provided to the states under the crop development programmes.
The extensive efforts of the states and GoI in implementation and monitoring of the pulses development programmes through field visits, campaigns, Melas, meetings etc. resulted in increase of pulses production from 14.20 million tons during 2006-07 to 18.24 million tons during 2010-11 in the country.